

Notice of Allowability

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 19 November 2008.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 2,4-9,12 and 14.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date 20081230.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

/Steven P Sax/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2174

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. The amendment was made to clarify the subject matter claimed in independent claims 2, 12, and 14, as well as to clarify that claim 14 comprises statutory subject matter under 35 U.S.C. 101. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Stephen Y. Pang on 16 January 2009.

The application has been amended as follows:

On Line 4 of Claim 2, please replace the word "thereby" with the phrase "with which".

On Line 10 of Claim 2, between the phrase "operation strength," and the phrase "in a case", please insert the phrase "the average or the weighted average of the operation strength being dynamically updated every time the user presses any of the keys of the keyboard or the buttons of the controller for inputting the edit instruction,".

On Line 17 of Claim 2, please replace the word "thereby" with the phrase "with which".

On Line 17 of Claim 2, between the phrase "the edit instruction" and phrase "and the strength instruction", please insert the phrase ", the average or the weighted average of the operation strength being dynamically updated every time the user

presses any of the keys of the keyboard or the buttons of the controller for inputting the edit instruction,".

On Line 19 of Claim 2, between the phrase "communication device" and the phrase "every time", please insert the phrase ", the font information being acquired".

On Line 3 of Claim 12, please replace the word "thereby" with the phrase "with which".

On Line 8 of Claim 12, between the phrase "operation strength," and the phrase "in a case", please insert the phrase "the average or the weighted average of the operation strength being dynamically updated every time the user presses any of the keys of the keyboard or the buttons of the controller for inputting the edit instruction,".

On Line 13 of Claim 12, please replace the word "thereby" with the phrase "with which".

On Line 14 of Claim 12, between the phrase "the editing instruction" and phrase "and the strength instruction", please insert the phrase ", the average or the weighted average of the operation strength being dynamically updated every time the user presses any of the keys of the keyboard or the buttons of the controller for inputting the edit instruction,".

On Line 16 of Claim 12, between the phrase "communication device" and the phrase "every time", please insert the phrase ", the font information being acquired".

On Line 1 of Claim 14, between the words "usable" and "medium", please insert the word "storage".

On Line 6 of Claim 14, please replace the word "thereby" with the phrase "with which".

On Line 11 of Claim 14, between the phrase "operation strength," and the phrase "in a case", please insert the phrase "the average or the weighted average of the operation strength being dynamically updated every time the user presses any of the keys of the keyboard or the buttons of the controller for inputting the edit instruction,".

On Line 19 of Claim 14, please replace the word "thereby" with the phrase "with which".

On Line 20 of Claim 14, between the phrase "the edit instruction" and phrase "and the strength instruction", please insert the phrase ", the average or the weighted average of the operation strength being dynamically updated every time the user presses any of the keys of the keyboard or the buttons of the controller for inputting the edit instruction,".

On Line 21 of Claim 14, between the phrase "communication device" and the phrase "every time", please insert the phrase ", the font information being acquired".

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 2, 4-9, 12, and 14 are allowed.
3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art is silent in teaching a sending unit that sends a sender side message specifying the edited letter string and strength information specifying the

average or the weighed average of the operation strength, the average or the weighted average of the operation strength being dynamically updated every time the user presses any of the keys of the keyboard or the buttons of the controller for inputting the edit instruction, in a case where the decide instruction is received, to another communication device which is communicably connected to said communication device via a computer network, and a font acquiring unit that acquires font information designating a font having a size that is pre-associated with the average or the weighted average of the operation strength with which the user presses the keys or the buttons for inputting the edit instruction, the average or the weighted average of the operation strength being dynamically updated every time the user presses any of the keys of the keyboard or the buttons of the controller for inputting the edit instruction, and the strength information specified in the receiver side message received from another said communication device, the font information being acquired every time the user presses any of the keys or the buttons for inputting the edit instruction or said reception unit receives a receiver side message, in combination with the other elements of independent claims 2 (apparatus), 12 (method), and 14 (storage medium), as brought out by the Examiner's Amendment. Furthermore, the Examiner's Amendment also clarifies that claim 14 is directed towards statutory subject matter under 35 U.S.C. 101.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to GRANT D. JOHNSON whose telephone number is (571)270-3626. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30-5, Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stephen Hong can be reached on 571-272-4124. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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